

"LUTHER AND HIS TIMES."

The Wonderful Story of His Life to Be Presented at the Academy of Music.

FOR BENEFIT OF THE KINDERGARTEN.

Story of the Work of Mercy Done By This Admirable Institution—The Ladies Who Have It in Charge—Sketch of Martin Luther's Life.

Between four and five years ago a number of the charitably disposed ladies of Richmond became aware of the great need of a place where mothers, who are forced to work for a living might leave their children during their hours of toil for the payment of a nominal sum.

After long and careful consideration a plan was agreed upon, and the result was the establishment of the Day Nursery and Kindergarten, at No. 195 East Franklin street.

The institution started out with three children to take care of, but the number rapidly increased, and the need for money to pay its swelling expenses became urgent. Many contributions were



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received from the good people of Richmond, and the King's Daughters labored unceasingly for the Kindergarten, but the amount received was not adequate, so the ladies in charge made application to the City Council, which responded by setting aside \$50 per year for this worthy object.

Upon this annual appropriation, together with contributions of money and provisions, the Kindergarten has managed to subsist up to the present time.

Now, however, another urgent need for money has arisen. The quarters occupied by the Day Nursery have become entirely inadequate to the increasing needs of the institution, and it is absolutely necessary that a larger house should be secured. To do this, however, more money must be had, and in order to raise it an entertainment known as "Martin Luther and his Times" will be given at the Academy of Music on the evenings of February 24th and 25th. The



CHILDREN AT DINNER IN THE KINDERGARTEN.

affair, which is under the charge of Mrs. George L. Lyon, will be something unique in the history of entertainments in this city.

The entertainment has been given in many of the cities, both of this country and Europe, with great success. It will be produced by local talent, and in order to make them thoroughly proficient the services of a skilled trainer have been secured.

LIFE OF LUTHER.

The wonderful story of Luther's life is presented, illustrated with views of places and characters, as follows:

Allegorical Procession. Theology Entering the Union.

Story of Luther's Life. Lecture by Mrs. H. E. Monroe. Illustrated with fifteen stereoscopic views.

Scene: From Monastery at Erfurt. Monk with twelve or more choir men. Luther's trial at the Diet of Worms. Emperor, Emperor's Guards, Elector, Elector's Guard, Luther, Cardinal, Melancthon, Spalatin, Princess, Knights and Choir Men.

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MARTIN LUTHER.

In connection with the entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Kindergarten, a brief history of the life and labors of Martin Luther will be of interest.

Martin Luther, the great reformer, whose name grows more and more illustrious as the ages roll along, was born at Eisleben, Saxony, on October 30, 1483. He was the eldest child of Hans and Margaret Luder.

His parents belonged to the peasant class, his father earning his living by working in a copper mine. The name was originally written variously Luder, Luther and Lendor, and the spelling Luther was adopted by the Reformer shortly before he entered upon the crusade which made him immortal. Originally Luther was not a Christian name, but a surname identical with Lothar, which means one renowned in battle. Martin Luther was born between the hours of 11 and 12 at night, and, according to the custom of the day, was bap-

tened before his eyes. Trembling with fear he fell to the earth and exclaimed, "Help, Anna, beloved Saint! I will be a monk."

BECAME A MONK.

Although later Luther repented of the vow, his strong moral sense prevented him from breaking it, and on July 16, 1505, he bade farewell to his friends and entered the Augustinian Convent in Erfurt forever, as he then thought.

May 2, 1507, Luther was ordained a priest. Shortly after, when he was only twenty-five years old, he was called to a chair in the newly-established University of Wittenberg. In 1511 Luther was sent to Rome to arrange for a union between the Augustinian and reformed convents in Germany. At Rome Luther found no spiritual enlightenment or consolation, but was shocked at the immoral lives of the clergy and highest dignitaries of the church.

Every pressure was brought to bear upon the Reformer to induce him to recant, and to promise to abstain from publishing any more theses, but he refused to do so, and the matter was formally appealed to a General Council.

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Dr. Wood Tells of People's Desire to Torture Helpless Animals.

WILL PUT A STOP TO COCK FIGHTING.

Origin, Objects and Progress of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—Doing a Great Work in Befriending Dumb Brutes.

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